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1. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING POINTS
IN PREPARING GUIDANCE FOR THE JANUARY CCMS AD HOC MEETING.

A) CCMS AND LESS DEVELOPED ALLIES: IN DISCUSSING THE DIREC-
TION CCMS COULD TAKE IN THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS, PARTICIPANTS
IN THE JANUARY MEETING MIGHT CONSIDER THE MERITS OF DEVELOP-
ING PILOT STUDY PROJECTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE LESS
DEVELOPED MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE (PORTUGAL, GREECE AND
TURKEY). BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED IN DESCRIBING
ALLIED COUNTRIES AS LESS-DEVELOPED, THIS TOPIC SHOULD BE
APPROACHED CAUTIOUSLY. PERHAPS, CCMS COULD COLLABORATE
WITH THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE IN THIS AREA. WE NOTE THAT THE
SCIENCE COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED HOW IT COULD BE OF
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GREATER SERVICE TO THESE COUNTRIES (REF B). PORTUGUESE,
GREEK AND TURKISH MEMBERS OF THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE WELCOMED
THIS INITIATIVE AND UNDERTOOK TO DRAW UP SPECIFIC PROPOSALS
FOR PRESENTATION TO THE COMMITTEE.

B) CCMS AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE: DURING THE LAST SEVERAL
PLENARIES, THERE HAS BEEN A GROWING AWARENESS THAT CCMS

OUGHT TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE. THE SCIENCE DIVISION IS PRESENTLY EXPLORING WAYS TO FOSTER SCIENCE COMMITTEE- CCMS COLLABORATION BY TRYING TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST BETWEEN CCMS AND NATO SCIENCE PANELS ON HUMAN FACTORS, ECO-SCIENCES, AND MATERIALS SCIENCE. ONCE SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL CONCERN ARE IDENTIFIED, THE SCIENCE DIVISION WILL CONSIDER SPONSORING A JOINT MEETING OF PANEL MEMBERS AND CCMS EXPERTS TO FLESH OUT COOPERATIVE PROJECTS. ASYG OZDAS IS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE APRIL 1978 CONFERENCE COMMEMORATING THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY WILL PRODUCE A NUMBER OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD WARRANT CCMS-SCIENCE COMMITTEE COOPERATION. AT THE JANUARY MEETING, WE CAN EXPLORE, IN A PRELIMINARY FASHION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND OTHER DELEGATIONS SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES FOR JOINT ACTION.

C) CCMS FELLOWSHIPS: AT THE PRESENT TIME CCMS GRANTS ABOUT TEN FELLOWSHIPS WORTH \$6000 EACH ANNUALLY. IN PAST PLENARIES, ALLIED REPS HAVE EXPRESSED SOME UNEASINESS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM SINCE THERE IS LITTLE CONTROL OVER WHAT THE FELLOWS DO. WE MIGHT, THEREFORE, CONSIDER THE VALUE OF USING AT LEAST SOME OF THE AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS. FOR INSTANCE, THE COMMITTEE COULD SPONSOR SPECIAL WORKSHOPS. (FYI: EARLY THIS YEAR THE DUTCH SUGGESTED THAT CCMS FOLLOW UP ON THE SPRING ROUNDTABLE BY HOLDING A WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. BECAUSE INTER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL STAFF HAD NO FUNDS TO ORGANIZE A WORKSHOP, THE IDEA WAS DROPPED) OR, IF THE LESS DEVELOPED MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE SHOULD CALL CERTAIN PROBLEMS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE OR CCMS, CCMS MIGHT WANT TO DEVOTE SOME FUNDS TO RESEARCHING HOW THE PROBLEM COULD BE BEST SOLVED. IN GENERAL, A MORE FLEXIBLE USE OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO CCMS MIGHT ALLOW IT TO CONTRACT CONSULTANTS OR EXPERTS TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OR INITIATIVES THAT NO PARTICULAR COUNTRY WISHED TO SPONSOR ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

D) APPRAISAL OF CCMS: SINCE JANUARY MEETING WILL INITIATE EXCHANGE ON DIRECTIONS CCMS SHOULD TAKE, WE THINK AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF CCMS WOULD USEFULLY CONTRIBUTE TO THIS DISCUSSION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DR. GEORGE KOVACH, PRESENTLY ON DETAIL TO THE NSF, IS INTERESTED IN STUDYING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CCMS, AND FURTHER THAT NSF COULD FUND SUCH A STUDY. IN PART, STUDY MIGHT BE DEVOTED TO DETERMINING WHETHER OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES COULD PROFITABLY USE THE PILOT STUDY METHOD. GLITMAN

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